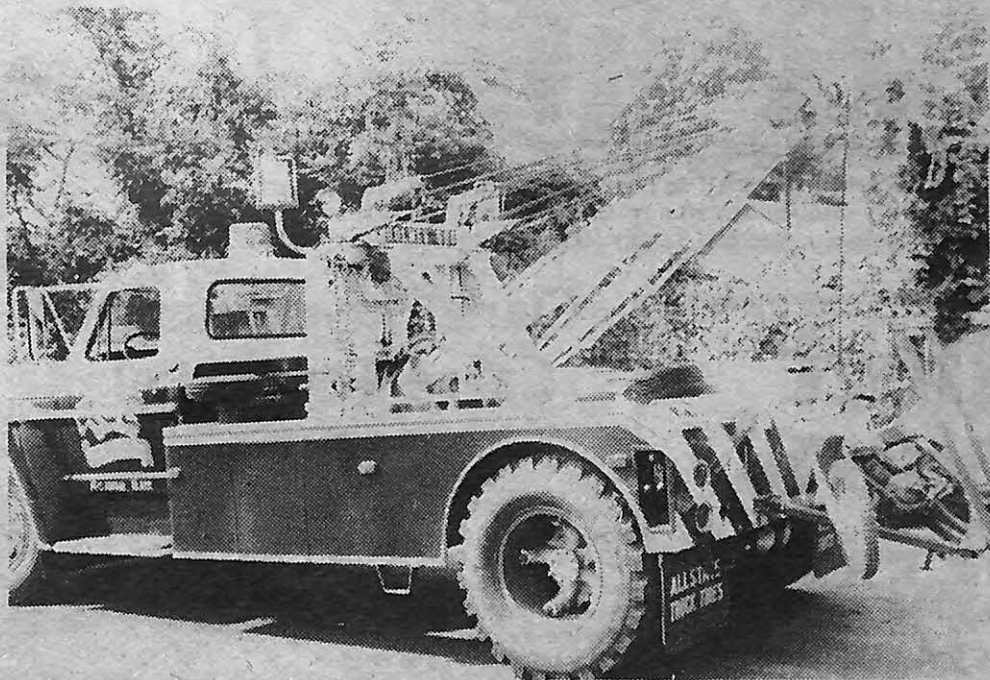


This ...



These dirt bike riders enjoy a ride through Robinson State Park although these particular vehicles are registered ... Photo by Jack Devine

Can Lead To This ...



... This one wasn't and was confiscated by the Police. The drivers' parents were cited with letting a minor ride an unregistered dirt bike, unsupervised in the park. Photo by Jack Devine

Northeast Utilities To Offer "Time-of-Use" Rates

This fall Northeast Utilities (NU) will be offering three optional time-of-use (TOU) electric rates; two for residential customers and one for industrial and commercial customers.

With TOU rates, customers are charged two different prices for the electricity they use—one price for on-peak use between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST weekdays, and a lower price for electricity used off peak

between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. EST weekdays and throughout weekends. The price difference is an incentive for customers to shift their electric use to cheaper, off-peak periods.

The company will inform its consumers of this program through the Consumer News bill insert later this fall. A coupon will be enclosed so consumers can reply quickly if they want more information about the rate. When the coupon is

received by NU, the company will send a questionnaire and an information packet allowing them, in most cases, to determine whether the new rates will benefit them.

NU's Energy Management Services consultants will answer questions and aid consumers in determining the effect the new rates would have on their bills. Once this is determined, an NU representative will call upon the consumer and make arrangements for meter installations. However, the supply of the meters may be limited so consumers may have to wait until their request can be filled.

In the interim period between now and the fall notification of customers, NU offices are prepared to take names and addresses of customers expressing interest in TOU rates.

Robinson Park Receiving Attention Says Connelly

State Rep. Edward W. Connelly said Sunday that his meeting earlier in the week with members of the of Natural Resources and Marine and Recreational Vehicle representatives was fruitful and that steps toward the solution of the Robinson State Park problems are being implemented immediately.

Much attention has been drawn recently to the state park and abutting lands where, it is alleged, dirt bikes, and other recreational vehicles are causing damage to the properties and are creating safety hazards for both park users and park neighbors alike.

According to Connelly, Gil Bliss of the Department of Natural Resources has agreed to have the state pick

up the tab for two (or more) people from the Natural Resource and Marine and Rec departments to patrol the park from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week. Connelly said that since no one is supposed to be in the park after five p.m. these patrols will help establish the "precedent of keeping people out of the park after sunset." He said that many of the complaints are about activity in the park after closing and he is hopeful that this action will alleviate many of the problems. Connelly said that the patrol will have the authority to impound vehicles found in the park after sunset and to levy a fine upon the owners of those vehicles. The patrolling started last Thursday evening.

Connelly noted that the state has also implemented or is in the process of implementing a number of other steps to correct the situation as it now exists. He

said that the state plans to mark three specific trails; one for hiking, one for horseback riding, and one for use by recreational vehicles. Connelly also said that Bliss indicated to him that special trails for dirt bike use will be set up as soon as possible.

Other action which will take place, according to Bliss will be:

—To re-establish Park boundaries. The state will, where appropriate, put up barricades and fencing.

—To try to eliminate the dumping of trash on park property by abutters. Permits to the local dump have been or will be issued to the people involved.

—To contact the Springfield Water Department, Western Mass. Electric Company, and the Tennessee Gas Company. These utility companies have easements totaling approximately 81 acres through the park. The state

is contacting the parties involved and asking their cooperation by inspecting and maintaining their properties. Much of the damage being done by dirt bike riders is occurring on these easements and the right-of-ways are being used as access roads to the park.

Representative Connelly noted that "a ban on all recreational vehicles is not appropriate." He commented that "all shouldn't suffer for the carelessness of a few."

Referring to a specific problem area, Oak Hill Avenue, Connelly said that the town will barricade the entrance to the park on Oak Hill.

Meanwhile, the matter of what to do with dirt bikes in the park and on town owned property has been sent by the Town Council to its ordinance committee. The committee should have an update on the situation at the council's first meeting in September.

Route 57 Extension Becoming More of a Reality

According to state Representative Edward W. Connelly, the proposed relocation of Rte. 57 has moved one step closer to reality and state approval. The state Department of Environmental Affairs accepted a negative declaration statement. This statement expounds the fact that the project will result in no environmental damage.

Robert Tierney, chief engineer for the state DPW said that the report would be sent to the federal highway officials. Once federal approval is received then the \$12.5 million project should receive state approval. This should take place by December, according to Connelly.

Connelly has been pushing

for the completion of Rte. 57 for a long time and the engineering design should be awarded shortly. The Lower Pioneer Valley Transit Authority has objected to the report because they felt it was inadequate and would allow Agawam and Southwick to grow beyond acceptable levels.

Ronald Huot Elected Chairman of Planning Board

Ronald Huot was elected last Thursday night to the position of Chairman of the Planning Board. Huot, who has been a member of the board for almost a year, has an engineering background and is employed as a sur-

veyor. His background made him "the logical choice" according to planning board member Barbara Cook.

Huot replaces Natalie George who has resigned from the board in an-

icipation of a family move to Suffield Conn. Mrs. George was a member of the planning board for 5 1/2 years.

Huot, his wife Paulette and son Jonathan live on Butternut Drive.



Winners of the Park & Recs "Bubble gum blowing contest" in the 10 and under age group are (left to right) 1st place: Corrylyn Burroughs from Phelps playground; 2nd place, Tricia Landry, Borgatti field; and 3rd place Linda Burnett, Danaby playground.

Photo by Jack Devine

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Home Box Office Listings

**Tuesday
August 22**

5:30 SKY RIDERS (PG-1:37)
7:30 Baseball:
RACE FOR THE PENNANT
8:00 HARRAD SUMMER (PG-1:33)
9:30 CANNONBALL (PG-1:33)
11:00 NASTY HABITS (PG-1:36)

**Wednesday
August 23**

5:30 BREAKING POINT (PG-1:32)
7:00 THE DUTCHMAN AND THE DIRTWATER FOX (PG-1:43)
9:00 Baseball:
RACE FOR THE PENNANT
9:30 THE HARRAD EXPERIMENT (R-1:35)
11:30 MACARTHUR (PG-2:08)

**Thursday
August 24**

6:30 On Location:
CHEVY CHASE AND FRIENDS
8:00 YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE (PG-1:30)
9:30 TOWERING INFERNO (PG-2:40)
12:30 On Location:
CHEVY CHASE AND FRIENDS

**Friday
August 25**

6:00 Baseball:
RACE FOR THE PENNANT
6:30 CANNONBALL (PG-1:33)
8:00 Feature Showing:
ISLANDS IN THE STREAM (PG-1:50)
10:00 WORLD TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS - II
11:30 Standing Room Only:
GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS WITH RAY CHARLES
1:00 THE HARRAD EXPERIMENT (R-1:35)

**Saturday
August 26**

3:30 BOBBY DEERFIELD (PG-2:04)
6:00 LUCKY LADY (PG-1:57)
8:00 Feature Showing:
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR (G-1:48)
10:00 Feature Showing:
CRY FOR ME, BILLY (R-1:33)
11:30 THE LAST REMAKE OF BEAU GESTE (PG-1:23)
1:00 CRY FOR ME, BILLY (R-1:33)

**Sunday
August 27**

2:30 NASTY HABITS (PG-1:36)
4:30 TOWERING INFERNO (PG-2:40)
7:30 HARRAD SUMMER (PG-1:33)
9:00 Feature Showing:
Standing Room Only:
WILL B. ABLE BAGGY PANTS & CO BURLESQUE
10:30 TOWERING INFERNO (PG-2:40)
1:15 On Location:
CHEVY CHASE & FRIENDS

**Monday
August 28**

6:00 JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR (G-1:48)
8:00 ISLANDS IN THE STREAM (PG-1:50)
10:00 ROLLERCOASTER (PG-1:59)
12:00 MANDINGO (R-2:07)



Co-Operative Nursery

Do you want to participate in your child's early learning experiences? The Valley Children's Co-Operative Nursery for ages 18 months to 5 years offers you that opportunity. The co-op's philosophy is that the school be perceived by the children as an extension of their family rather than as a "school". This sense of community is very important and we hope this feeling will spread among the parents in the group. Besides the social experience, we feel each child's sense of self is very important. It is from this center that all growth experience and social, emotional and cognitive development radiate. Steve DuPre, the nursery's full-time teacher, has had previous early childhood experiences. The nursery is located at the First Unitarian Universalistic Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield. For further information please call 525-4409.



Clark playground group proudly display their hand carved totem pole. Pictured from left to right are: Counselors Hal Stuart and Leeann Hart, Billy Robinson, Randy Diduk, Julie Meadowski, Beth Bailey, Mike Robinson, Michael Keeley, David Robinson, Harry Minet and Paul Kluiko.

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

8/21: Pepper steak, shredded potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit.
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8/25: Clam chowder, egg salad sandwiches, pecan pie.

8/28: Daisy ham in pineapple juice, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apple crisp.
8/29: Pot roast, shredded potatoes, cabbage, peaches.
8/30: Veal patties, spanish rice, spinach, cake.
8/31: Turkey w/gravy, noodles, peas, cookies.
9/1: Baked fish, potato salad, squash, peach cream.
September 12, 1978: Trip to Mystic Seaport. \$12.—Lunch at Sailor Ed's Restaurant, your choice of menu.
There will be no hypertension clinic September 5th.

Agawam Youth Center Schedule

Aug. 22: 8:30 a.m. Jr. Camping Overnight
Aug. 23: Return from trip
Aug. 25: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sr. Picnic
Aug. 26: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jr. Beach Day
Aug. 27: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sr. Beach Day
Aug. 28: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Recycling; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sr. Preparations for Back Pack Overnight
Aug. 29: 9 a.m. Sr. Back Pack, 4 days overnight in White Mts., New Hampshire.
Aug. 30: To be announced
Aug. 31: To be announced.

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Clark Playground Kids Carve Totem Pole

Children who participated in the Parks and Rec playground program at Clark School this summer became involved with totem pole carving. For six weeks of the eight week playground session the children, with the assistance of their counselors Hal Stuart and Leeann Hart worked on the project. The children drew pictures and then carved them into a log. The end result was a great looking totem pole that everyone involved can be proud of.

The following children participated in the project: Beth Bailey, Nicky and Tony Buoniconti, Tommy DeNardo, Randy Diduk, Jeff Diduk, Michael Keeley, Paul Kluiko, Craig Kreiger, Billy Lyne, Harry Minet, Julie Miodowski, Stacy Morse, Billy Robinson, David Robinson, Michael Robinson, Tony Squassa and Tonya Wentworth.

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Parks & Rec Field Day A Big Success

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The Agawam parks and Rec playground program came to a close last week with a grand field day for all children who participated in the playground program this summer.

Races, softball, and football throws, bubble gum blowing contests, pie eating contests egg throws and wheelbarrow races were enjoyed by all. Competition was both on an individual and interplayground basis.

Lunch was donated, prepared and served by the Agawam Lions Club. The children were treated to hot

dogs, potato chips, ice cream and punch compliments of the Lions.

The afternoon brought a "Penny Carnival" which netted a total of \$89.10 for Muscular Dystrophy.

The day was a success and everyone had a great time. Play ground leaders who directed the field day event were: Dori Chmielewski, Lynn Wysocki, Jim Buffum, Donna Cebrelli, Lisa Rex, Cindi Borgatti, Pat Lengo, Ann Liddell, Diane Farwell, and Jim Bouley. Also, Linda Roy, Charlene Maniscalchi, Steve Mercadante, Pam

Lombardini, Scott Raymond, Hal Stuart and Brian Rheault. Other leaders participating in the event were: Sue Winer, Rick Sardella, Phil Veccharelli, Val Balboni, Kevin Pfau, Mary Rose McCaffrey, John Girard, Lee Ann Hart, Danny Luden and Pat Robenson.

The winners of first prize ribbons in the various events were: Joe Martin, Tina Giordano, Billy Landon and Tracy Viens, all winners of the 25 yard dash. The 50 yard dash saw Paul Heiden, Sophie Osentoski, Craig Bertenough Kelly Frudel, Kenneth Butt and Carol Ciborowski take first place honors. Mark St. John, Trina

Willingham, Todd Duda, Justine Chriscola Tom Butt, Colleen Ferry, Ray Jarvis, and Sue Rogers were victorious in the 75 yard dash.

First place winners in the softball throw were: Kenneth Butt, Jennifer O'Brien, Bill Robinson, and Beth Bailey. Football throw first place winners were: Robert Coelln, Patricia Landry, Dean Leclerc and Colleen Ferry.

First place bubble gum blowers were Bobby Mcullumlin, Carrilyn Burroughs, Bill Robinson and Gina Frasco. Pete Vecchiarelli, Cathy Landry, Ron Weiners and Sylvia Talbot all won first place honors in the pie eating contest.

Phelps playground took first place honors in the interplayground boys and girls wheelbarrow race. Clark playground also took two first place honors by winning both the boys and girls over 10 egg throw.

Granger playground won first place honors in the boys under 10 egg throw and the Middle School playground took first place in the girls under 10 egg throw. Borgatti filed was the other first place winner, being victorious in the "four corner medley."

All and all it was a great ending to a great summer for the playgrounds program. Everyone involved did a great job and the kids have fond summer memories to return to school with.



Winners of the 10 and under boys' pie eating contest are pictured from left to right: 1st place Pete Vecchiarelli, Shea's field; 2nd place, Bobby Landers, Wade Park; and 3rd place Chris Amirault, Clark playground.

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Mrs. Robert Johnson

Catherine Kozak Weds Robert Johnson

Miss Catherine Ann Kozak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kozak of 12 Depalma Street, Feeding Hills, became the bride of Mr. Robert Michael Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of 37 Garden Street, West Springfield, on Saturday, August 26.

The ceremony was performed at the First Congregational Church of West Springfield with Reverend Peter Marsden officiating.

Acting as maid of honor was Susan Carter and John Schutt served as best man. The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and is

Voter Info Phone

Recently a TV station in Western Massachusetts received some letters stamped "Repeal the Delaney Amendment." A station employee called the Voter Information Phone to ask, "What is the Delaney Amendment?"

After some research, the VIPhone volunteers discovered that the Delaney Amendment is a federal law prohibiting the sale of any drug known to produce cancer in animals. It was introduced by Representative James J. Delaney of New York. Controversy over the amendment to ban saccharin.

This question is one of many now being received by the VOTER INFORMATION PHONE, a statewide, free public service of the League of Women Voters Lotte E. Scharfman Memorial Fund. For answers to your questions about government-local, state or national - call the VIPhone Monday through Friday at 357-5880 or toll-free from anywhere in the state at 1-800-882-1649. The phone will be staffed from 10:00 to 2:00 during August.

an inventory control clerk at the Toolcraft Corporation of Chicopee.

The groom is a graduate of West Springfield High School and is Vice President of William F. Johnson & Son Electric Co., Inc. of West Springfield.

The couple left on a two week honeymoon to Hawaii and will reside in West Springfield upon return.

New Development In Fashion Eyewear Introduced



Priscilla Russo (left) and Marilyn Bernard demonstrate Cosmesis Analyzer.

The newest development in fashion eyewear was introduced recently. A proven scientific method for fitting eyeglass frames is finally available.

"The 'Cosmesis Analyzer' from Univis was unveiled here for the very first time. This new frame selection aid analyzes face shape, features, and skin tones and matches them perfectly to the proper frame shape and color. Millions of eyeglass wearers now have available a proven, reliable technique for choosing eyeframes that actually enhance their facial appearance.

Marilyn Bernard, the Univis fashion consultant who demonstrated the Analyzer, talked about the importance of frame

selection. "You can actually use your glasses to help you look better by analyzing what is necessary to balance your own facial shape and skin tones. Now the 'Analyzer' can help do all this for you." She demonstrated how the frame selected for a squarish face had soft rounded lines to give a more perfectly proportioned look. "Color, too, is important", she adds. "Cool colors tone down a too-rosy complexion, while livelier colors add spark to paler skins." Colors, as well as style, are provided on the "Analyzer" readout.

Miss Bernard is nationally known for her seminars in "Cosmesis", the science developed by Univis for designing and fitting eyeglass frames perfectly matched to individual facial characteristics. Now with the use of the Cosmesis Analyzer, millions of eyeglass wearers can be confident that their glasses really help them look their very best.

The Analyzer is now being introduced at Russo Opticians in West Springfield. Owner, Patrick Russo, enthusiastically praised the new system as "a terrific innovation... a great aid to opticians in selecting the best frames for our customers."

Mrs. Penny Crowley Weds Alan Litke

Mrs. Penny Crowley and Alan Litke were married in Bethesda Lutheran Church, Springfield, on August 21, 1978, by Pastor Benander. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Noreau of East Longmeadow.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel J. FitzGerald and late Edward FitzGerald. She is a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed by Ready Precision Company of Agawam.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hosking, Jr., of Southington, Connecticut. He is a graduate of North Haven High School and is employed by Mutual Ford of Springfield.

The wedding reception was held at the Willow Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. Litke will live at 76 Mapleshade Avenue, East Longmeadow.

Jr. Women Shoe Bonanza

Have you thought about what you will put on your feet this Fall? The Agawam Junior Women's Club will sponsor a special Fall Shoe Party on Tuesday, Aug. 29th at 8:00 p.m. at the Capt. Charles Leonard House on Main St., Agawam, Mass. Mr. Ted Singer of Framingham will be on hand to display 900 pr. of women's fall shoes ranging in size from 5-10. The price for any pair of shoes is a remarkable \$7.00 (cash and carry). You must see these values to believe it! Come and make a great buy for yourself and support our civic and charitable work at the same time!

"Barnyard Bunch" Dance

The Barnyard Bunch, 4-H Teen Square Dance Club, will hold it's monthly dance, August 25, from 7:30 - 10:30 at the League Building in W. Spfld. Admission is \$1.25 and all area square dancers are welcome.

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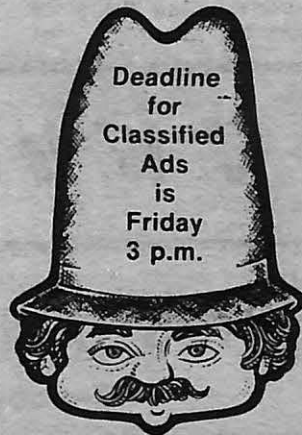
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Debbie Whittle and French student Marie Sophie Trentesaux.

French Student Visits Agawam Family

Photo by Jack Devine

Before she returns to France, Marie Sophie Trentesaux, a cultural exchange student, wants to visit Riverside Park a second time to ride the loop coaster.

Marie is spending the month of August with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whittle and daughter Debbie of Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills. She is one of almost two hundred french students visiting Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York through the North Atlantic Cultural Exchange League (NACEL) which last year sent over 2200 such students to American.

The Whittles have taken Marie to several places already, including the Catskill Game farm, the Howe Caverns, Riverside Park and some local shopping malls.

Marie, who is from Fon-

tainebleau, France-just outside of Paris-says she is enjoying her stay here and has not had time to be homesick on her first trip to the United States. One of nine children, Marie is finished high school as we know it, and will be attending a university near her home in the fall.

Besides Riverside Park, Marie has taken a liking to Mexican food. She said she likes to swim and play tennis and is looking forward to upcoming trips to Boston and New York.

As for the Whittles, they are enjoying Maries visit immensely and say they will probably host another student next summer.

Anyone interested in the NACEL program should contact Evelyn and Julian Prince, 48 Kenwood Circle, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002 or call (203) 242-7680.

"Back To School" Fashion Show

King's Department Store will be sponsoring a fashion show at 2:00 p.m. on August 27th at the American Legion Hall in Agawam. There will be a \$2.50 donation for each person attending with all proceeds going to the Western Mass Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Local Personality Carol Russell of the Carol Russell School of Modeling will be the MC for the show with models for King's and other local models showing fall fashions for young people from elementary through the college level.

Refreshments and hors

d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets may be purchased at the service desk of King's Department Store, Suffield & Silver Streets, Agawam.

Runners Clinic

On Thursday, August 24, the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA will be holding the fourth lecture in the Runner's Clinic Summer Lecture Series. Ms. Marilyn Turner, Nutritionist, will be the guest speaker in this highly successful series. Her topic will be on "Diets and Dieting, Facts and Fallacies." A film, presentation and question-answer period are on the agenda.

The lecture will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m. The Buxton Room at the Springfield YMCA on 275 Chestnut Street will once again be the site of the clinic.

If you have any questions, please contact Dee at 739-6951, ext. 226.

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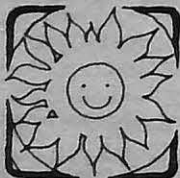
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Editorials

"Banker's Revolt" Confronts Governor

By J.J. Smith

Since David clobbered Goliath, there've been mice who roared and skinny beach bums angered when some bully from Muscle City kicked sand on them -- but nothing really, prepares one for a "bankers' revolt" designed to defeat Governor Michael S. Dukakis in the Democratic primary next month.

Bankers not only are conservative folk who hide their political views more tightly than a bad loan, they're also so closely regulated by the state and federal governments that open involvement in a political contest is more rare than a nudist at an American conference of bishops.

Nonetheless, 15 Massachusetts bank presidents have signed a letter asking Republicans to switch their registrations to Democrat so that they can vote against Governor Dukakis in the September 19 primary. The chief executive officer of each of the state's 135 cooperative banks was sent the letter in which the signers accused the Dukakis Administration of threatening their livelihood. The letter asked bankers, traditionally Republican, to vote for ex-Massport boss Edward J. King in the primary, and to ask employees, customers and friends to do the same.

The letter declares, "The incumbent administration must be unseated. Will you join us in this effort? We may be fighting for our livelihoods."

Thus do the bankers join a long line of those disenchanted with the Dukakis Administration, including pro-lifers, Fair Share and the like. The big question in this instance has to be why the bankers finally have come out of the closet so dramatically.

The answer, of course, is

State Banking Commissioner Carol Greenwald who has been accused of over-regulating the banking industry during her stormy period of overseeing bank operations. Even commr. Greenwald's admirers must concede she has been heavy-handed and autocratic, a description highlighted by her incredible action last year of removing the directors and officers of the Roslindale Cooperative Bank.

The ousted president of that bank, Albert G. Tobin, rightly described the action as an "abuse of power," and charged the banking commissioner deprived directors and officers of their civil rights when she removed them without a hearing or court action.

To this day -- nine months after the ouster of the bank's directors -- the supposedly super-liberal commissioner has refused those ousted a hearing, won't spend a dime on a phone call to listen to their views, and refuses to see them. Every shaggy-haired hippie, trouble-prone high schooler, war protestor and, indeed, vicious thug from the streets is entitled to hearing -- but not 12 men whom the official record shows managed the bank in superb fashion.

Was this drastic "certification" action (removal -- by the commissioner justified? You judge. Just three and a half years earlier President Tobin and the directors took over an antiquated, outmoded bank and transformed it from the dark ages into a glittering model banking operation. They doubled the gross, up in that span from \$14.5-million to \$29.5-million. The takeover stemmed from a single bad management decision which the bank itself had caught and remedied. Yet removal

resulted for a bank that has probably the best growth rate of any bank in Massachusetts for its size.

Tobin and the ousted directors maintain, with solid evidence of justification, that the real issue involved in their removal stemmed from a community election two weeks earlier involving the Roslindale Health Center.

"It was a community slate versus the machine," Tobin said. Persons involved in the mayor's office and city and state government, including the state banking department, voted for the machine forces, and lost."

It was this loss to a pro-life group that triggered Commr. Greenwald's political reprisal, according to legal suits filed against the commissioner. The case is expected to be resolved by the Massachusetts Supreme Court in early October, and informed legal experts feel the commissioner will get her come-uppance from that august body.

The decision by the 15 Massachusetts bank presidents to work actively for Governor Dukakis' primary opponent, Ed King, stemmed from a series of autocratic decisions made by Commr. Greenwald a lady with a propensity for personal publicity and one who seemingly delights in

This "Bankers' revolt," of course, by itself won't impact too heavily on the governor's re-election prospects but when it is added to those upset by the chief executive on other issues it has the potential for disruption. The bankers thus join the State Police, pro-lifers pro-capitol punishment, anti-tax, anti-gun control and others who want to defeat Dukakis.

Whether they will coalesce successfully remains to be seen.

and past president of the Springfield Branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers and a member of the National Association of Federal Employees. He leaves his wife, Helen (O'Connor) Farrell, a daughter, Sister Barbara Farrell of Fairfield, Conn.; and two nephews, John Farrell of Springfield and Frederick Farrell of East Longmeadow. The funeral will be Wednesday morning at the Curran Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Springfield.

Obituaries

funeral will be Wednesday at the George B. Tazzini and Son Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

William F. Farrell

AGAWAM — William F. Farrell, 76, of 68 Amherst Ave., Feeding Hills, retired letter carrier for the Springfield Post Office for 40 years, died Saturday in Mercy Hospital. Born in Chicopee he lived in Agawam for 13 years, he was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, a member

Police Log

8/10/78 10:39 p.m.

Veh #1 Etalo Luchini Spfld. Veh #2 Nicholas Desantis Agawam. Veh #1 tvl east on Florida dr to north on River Rd, Veh #2 tvl south on River Rd, made contact with left rear of Veh #1. Both opers transported to Spfld Hosp in Amb. Traffic Marsh/Off Colson.

8/10/78 3:35 p.m.

Veh #1 Barbara Briggs Southwick, Veh #2 Fred Violette Holyoke, Veh #1 tvl west on Rt #57 by Editha Ave stalled and came to a stop in the middle lane. Veh #2 Fred tvl west made contact with the rear of Veh #1. Passenger in Veh #1 Stanley West of Alabama trans by crsr to Spfld Hosp. Traffic Jarvis/Off Mezzetti.

8/10/78 4:23 p.m.

Veh. #1 Gary Radwilowicz Feeding Hills, Veh #2 Joseph Miazga Spfld Veh #1 tvl east on Spfld St, stopped for oncoming traffic to make a left turn onto Homer St. Veh #2 also tvl east made contact with the rear of Veh #1. Traffic Jarvis.

8/10/78 2 a.m.

Veh. #1 Micheal Gallagher Feeding Hills Veh #1 tvl south on S Westfield st came upon unlighted road construction horses, swerved to the left onto the property of 315 S. Westfield St making contact with a tree and shrubs. Signs were knocked down prior to the accident. Off Landers

8/10/78 9:11 a.m.

Veh #1 Leonel Martel Spfld Veh #2 Philip Hurley Feeding Hills Veh #1 tvl west on Spfld St, stopped to make a right turn into 1016 Spfld st. veh #2 also tvl west made contact with the rear of veh #1 Traffic Jarvis

8/11/78 8:30 p.m.

Veh #1 Paul Halbach Agawam Veh #1 tvl north on Hunt St, lost control striking a curbing and caused extensive damage to the lawn by Farm Credit Bank. Transported to Hosp by private party prior to Police arrival. Off Lamson

8/12/78 1:31 a.m.

Veh #1 stolen. Owner Elizabeth Guarnieri Feeding Hills Operator unknown Veh #1 tvl west on North St made contact with loading platform at 300 Spfld St. Off Wright/ Traffic Jarvis Marsh

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From The Editor's Desk

By Pat Guevin



Councilor Fred Serra came under fire in a "letter to the editor" published in last week's paper. Although I don't make a practice of commenting on these letters, I feel I should point out to our readers that Mr. Serra worked extremely hard on the Robinson Park issue. I know he toured the park on at least three separate occasions and contacted many, many people. Mr. Serra should be commended for his efforts. If anything positive is done about the park, it will be because of people like Fred Serra, Edna Condino, Stan Chmielewski and Ed Connelly and all of the residents who took the time to voice their grievances to the Town Council.

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J. W. is coming and Sin fonia Music is growing. This business trend in our town looks promising. We have some exciting news for you also. Watch next week for more info.

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Natalie George. She served our town for 5 1/2 years as a member of the Planning Board. From what I understand, she is pushing to finish up some of her work on the Route 57 extension. The Planning Board will miss her guidance, I'm sure. Good luck to the new chairman Ron Huot.

Hearing On Cable Rate Hike Scheduled

The Massachusetts Community Antenna television commission will hold a public hearing on the petition of spectrum systems, inc. on rate increases for subscribers of cable television in the towns of Agawam, West Springfield, and Westfield.

Spectrum has requested the monthly rate to be increased in Agawam from \$6.50 per month to \$7.95 for basic catv rate plus \$1.25 for each additional set over the first set per month. At the present time. There is no charge in Agawam per extra set up to 3 sets in Agawam could pay \$10.45 per month for his basic catv service.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 1978 at the town of West Springfield's Municipal

office building 26 Central Street, West Springfield. The hearing will commence at 1:00 P.M. and will break for supper and reconvene at 6:30 P.M., should there be enough public interest and presentation to warrant the commission to reconvene.

Town manager, Peter Caputo, urges Agawam Cable Television subscribers, who wish to express their opinion on Agawam's cable television service, to attend the rate request hearing and make their feelings known regarding cable television services and rate increases. Cable services will be servicing approximately 3,000 subscribers in Agawam with a potentiality of a greater number before the towns franchise is concluded.

Town Hall Bulletin Board

Utility Committee

This is to notify you that the Utility Committee of the Town Council will be conducting public hearing/meeting on Monday, August 28, 1978, at 3:00 p.m., in the Hearing Room, second floor, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Charter Commission

There will be a meeting of the Charter Commission on Wednesday, August 30, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Agawam Senior Center.

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Alcohol & You

by Professor Drinknot

Drinking is here to stay. Alcoholic beverages are a great complement for social occasions and when used responsibly, can be great fun. But we have to remember that the basis of these beverages is ethyl alcohol, one of the most addictive depressant drugs known to man. Everyone who drinks should be very honest with themselves and ask "will alcohol control us or will we control alcohol?" Social drinkers have no problem at all with handling alcohol and are usually quite confused when confronted with an alcoholic. They can't seem to understand why a person would do those things to himself. But the truth is that an alcoholic has no control over what he does with his drinking. And his personality has changed so much through the abuse of alcohol that he will completely deny any problems with alcohol, even though everyone he comes in contact with knows that he has a problem. Alcoholism is the disease that tells the alcoholic that he has no disease, and in the majority of cases he'll be the last one to know about it.

The main thing that I hope to explain in these columns is that alcoholism is a disease, just like diabetes and cancer are diseases, but unfortunately is still regarded as a moral issue. A person comes down with alcoholism just like he or she comes down with any fatal disease; they don't want it but it comes anyway. And alcoholism is proven to be fatal. It is a disease that is predictable in its stages and is treatable. But it's a disease that everyone is afraid of and it's the country's number one health problem. Everyone that is reading this column knows an alcoholic or is affected by one. Everyone. And the abuse of alcohol is so widespread that it's accepted almost as the norm. But there is help for those who want it or for the families who suffer from living or having lived with an alcoholic.

So the question is, how do we deal with alcohol responsibly? A person should first be responsible to himself and ask himself the reason for his drinking. Mild relaxation, facilitation of social interaction, ceremonial and religious

bonds are good reasons. Drinking to relieve physical or mental tensions, to face difficult situations, to be able to mingle with people, and to escape are bad reasons. If a person finds that his good intentions for controlling his consumption are lost in a drinking situation, he needs help. It all boils down to the fact that if a person needs alcohol to function in any area of his life and in the process encounters problems in any area of his life because of drinking, he is in trouble. Social drinkers will say "Amen" to this, but problem drinkers will say that I'm nuts. Remember that denial is an important factor in alcoholism. What do you think about that statement?

As a parent in a drinking society, you have to decide where your children will learn their values about drinking. The alcohol advertisers peddle the "macho" image to the public. Think about the cowboy sauntering up to the bar and saying "—Light." Very impressive. How about the guy who's balding and getting fat, who just beat up his wife and kids again and is lying on the kitchen floor in his own vomit? Impressive? Not very, but more realistic because that's alcoholism. Will your children learn healthy attitudes about drinking or will they see their parents drunk out of their minds most of the time? Or are you the guy that can't remember anything he said the night before when he was making another scene? These are questions we have to ask ourselves, because our kids tend to do what their parents did. Alcoholics Anonymous has about 50% of its membership from people who swore they'd never be like Mom or Dad. Let's be responsible to ourselves and to our kids.

Last week we talked a little about being a responsible host or hostess. Parties given for the main theme of drinking tend to be given by problem drinkers for problem drinkers. Offer parties where non-alcoholic beverages can also be obtained. Problem drinkers will say, "but who wants to go to a party where there isn't going to be a lot of alcohol?" Social drinkers will offer conviviality, non-alcoholic and alcoholic

beverages and will make sure that safe transportation is provided for all.

As for drinking and driving, the answer is obvious. If you are an average weight person (150 lbs), one drink an hour is probably OK. Any more and your body can't burn it off and you're eligible for arrest or disaster. People die every day who said "I'm OK to drive. Booze makes me drive better."

If alcohol is your servant, drink and be merry. If alcohol is your master, get help today.

5th Annual Bus Tour

The Agawam Junior Women's Club announces its fifth annual school bus safety tour, to be held this year on Thursday and Friday, August 24th & 25th. Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski, will be on hand to answer questions and participate in the orientation program designed for kindergarten students and new bus riders. The program will be held at the Agawam Food Mart parking lot on Thursday, Aug. 24th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 to 3:00 and at McDonald's on Suffolk St. on Friday, August 25th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 to 3:00. The Agawam Junior's very own "Safety Bug" will be the guest of the day and hopes to offer the children a better understanding of safety rules needed to ride a school bus.

It's A Boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Shibley Jr. of 55 Rowley Street Agawam became the proud parents of a baby boy on August 11, 1978. Weighing in at 9 lbs. 8 ozs., Edward Elias Shibley is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Shibley

50's Night

A "fabulous fifties" night will be held on August 26 from 9-1a.m. at the Westfield Moose Lodge, 56 Washington Street, Westfield. Sponsored by the Westfield Creative Learning Center, the dance will feature 50's rocks & rolls, complete with a D.J. and the movie, Rock Around the Clock. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be obtained from the school at 568-5338, or at the door.

Tax Seminar For Elderly

State Secretary Paul Guzzi today announced that the Citizen Information Service of his office will sponsor a seminar on property tax exemptions for senior citizens in Chicopee on August 29. The seminar will be held at the Senior Center, 7 Valley View Court from 10:30 a.m. to noon. A free luncheon, sponsored by the Chicopee Council on Aging, will follow.

"The enthusiastic response of the elderly to last year's seminars on property tax exemptions has prompted the Citizen Information Service to repeat the series this year," said Guzzi. "The laws in this area are complex and confusing to the layperson, and the seminars are an excellent way of informing citizens of their rights. In addition, they provide seniors with a forum to voice their concerns and suggest alternatives to present policies."

Secretary Guzzi will appear at the seminar to introduce the panelists, who will include a local tax assessor, Chester Zaik of Easthampton; Anthony P. Grosso, chief, property tax bureau, Massachusetts Department of Revenue; and Andy Gallano, field representative Massachusetts of Elder Affairs. The seminar will be moderated by Frank Daly, a representative of the State Secretary's Office.

Chicken Bar-B-Que At Y

The Agawam Lions Club, famous for their Eastern States Chicken Bar-B-Que, will prepare and serve their famous meal to the public on August 27th, 1978, from 2-6 PM at the Y.M.C.A. Family Center in Agawam, at the end of Mill Street on the corner of Perry Lane.

Tickets are \$3.50 for Adults and \$2.00 for Children under 12. They may be purchased at the Store at the Family Center or from Family Center members. For all non-Family Center members who purchase tickets, swimming and tennis will also be available that day.



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Lionettes Participate In National Championship

The Agawam LIONETTES flew to San Antonio, Texas August 9 and participated in the National ASA Senior Girls Fast Pitch Championship. They had qualified for entry by winning the Mass. State Championship and represented the entire New England region. Although eliminated after their first two games, they gained an athletic experience and cultural education they will cherish the rest of their lives.

On arrival in San Antonio, the team was greeted by Debbie Hernandez, Bebbie, and employee of the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Association, was assigned to the LIONETTES as team hostess for the duration of their stay. A young, soft-spoken, petite, Mexican-American, Debbie was quickly adopted by the girls.

Led by Debbie, the team drove to their temporary home-the St. Anthony Hotel. The huge ST. Anthony was a 10 story hotel spanning an

entire city block in downtown San Antonio. Built in the early 20's and maintained in peak condition, the hotel and its army of uniformed servants was a model of luxury and the southern hospitality of that era.

It was quickly evident that the culture of San Antonio was heavily influenced by the Mexican-American population and although a very large city, there was a complete absence of any racial stress. The girls and the accompanying adults felt completely at ease in their new surroundings.

That first afternoon was spent acclimating to San Antonio and eating the first meal there. Then in the early evening, the team walked a few blocks to the El Tropicano Hotel where an informal pool party was staged with all teams present. This social mixer was attended by some 500 people from all across the United States. There was an elaborate set-up of hot hors

d'oeuvres including anchiladas, tacos and other Mexican specialties and soft drinks.

Among those at the social were former LIONETTES pitcher Bev Edwards and her sister Julie who now play for the Rookies from Rock Island, Illinois. Also, Bill and Pat Edwards and son Jimmy were there. The ROOKIES won the Illinois State and Midwest Regional championships to qualify for entry in the nationals and would later win this incredibly competitive national championship.

The second day began with the taking of team pictures followed by a practice session. At noon, there was a more formal luncheon for the manager and one team captain from each team. Barb Landers and Bill Meissner attended and enjoyed an impressive buffet followed by an introduction of all team representatives, buffet followed by an introduction of all team representatives, umpires and tournament officials. Any special rules were discussed and the opening ceremony was described. The luncheon closed with the presentation of a hand made ceramic on wood token in the shape of the State of Texas, symbolizing the upcoming tournament.

At 6:30 p.m. the teams gathered at the Alva Jo Fischer Softball Complex, a most impressive area that included 4 lighted diamonds arranged in a circular pattern with the homeplates near the center of the out-



Front row, left to right: Lisa Kamyk, Joanne Hart, Micki Korob, Lee-Ann Mercadante and Edwyna Stefanik.

Middle row, same order: Sid Harvey-coach, Wendy Ober, Barb Landers, Kim Santinello, Lee Harvey and Karen Tyburski-scorekeeper.

Back row, same order: Lisa Fern, Pat Morriset, JoAnne Simmons, Katie Boyle and Bill Meissner- manager/coach.

Not present (unable to make the trip) Bob Mercadante-coach.

fields on the perimeter, each field a quadrant of the circle. The infield area was built up of several inches of packed washed sand, while the outfield was closely cut grass. A perfectly contoured for drainage. Each field was fully fenced and included covered fenced team benches and large bleachers. A central area included concession stands, restrooms, a first-aid station, access ways and a second story pressbox that had openings facing each field.

In addition to the independent public address systems, there were two-way speakers from the backstop to the press box-the plate umpires used these to announce lineup changes to the score keepers. Attached to the backstop was a two-way ball chute for new balls coming in an worn balls going out. Outside the area of the playing fields, there was paved parking with separate

areas designated for teams, officials and the general public. The entire area was landscaped and enclosed by yet another fence. The complex was constructed 4 years ago at a cost of \$1.2-million.

The opening ceremony began with a beautiful performance by a dancing horse and rider. Then a 4 horse mounted color guard led the parade of teams onto the field. Debbie paced the LIONETTES wearing a LIONETTES jersey that was presented to her by team captain Lee-Ann Mercadante. She was followed by Lee-Ann and Micki Korob who carried the flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the rest of the girls and coaches. Each team was announced to the throng of spectators - a colorful and impressive ceremony.

The pageantry over, it was time to play softball. There

were 20 teams entered and if there were any breaks in the drawing, the LIONETTES certainly were not lucky. Not only were they one of 8 teams not drawing a bye, but they were paired with the Houston Aces for the first game.

The Aces were a traveling all-star team, selected at large from the greater Houston Metro area. They had won the Houston Metro Championship and qualified for the nationals by winning the Texas Regional championship over the champs of all other Metro areas. The LIONETTES gave it a fight, but were no match for a team of this caliber and suffered their first loss.

The next morning, the LIONETTES were paired with the Belvedere Jets from Decatur, Georgia. The Jets were Georgia State champs and qualified for the nationals by winning the South Atlantic Regionals which included Metro Atlanta, No. Carolina, So. Carolina and Tennessee. The LIONETTES stayed close through the first 5 innings, but the Jets scored 4 runs in the 6th taking a lead that the LIONETTES couldn't match.

The LIONETTES were the third team to be eliminated and had to be satisfied with their official record of 18th best team in the United

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Bottom row from left to right: Scorekeeper Chris Golema, Mike Parrow, Troy LaBrecque, Leo Chenevert, and John Calabrese.

Sacred Heart 13-15 Ends Season

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association 13-15 League ended its season with a spectacular series of playoffs. There was a two way tie for third and a tie for fourth position. After the elimination series the Athletics coached by Al Fenney, and assisted by Ralph Albano and the Royals coached by Ken Peck and his assistant Pete Crolle were to face each other in a two out of three series. The first

game was on July 18, and taken by the Royals 20 to 3, behind the pitching of Ken Peck with 14 strike outs and Tim Desmonds three home runs. The second game was on July 20th. After a 2 to 1 ball game for four innings the Royals broke it open and won the Pennant with a 12 to 2 final score. John Calabrese pitched a brilliant 12 strike out game, and topped it off with a home run. Tim Desmond was voted most

valuable player for the series even though he received four intentional walks in the final game.

The Royals coach, Ken Peck, has reached the playoffs in three of the last four years and has taken the championship two out of the last three years. Ken starts with a new team each year, and through a lot of work and many hours of practice turns the kids into a picture of team work.

Young Folks Festival

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Come kids one and all! A Young Folks Festival, just for you, will be held on Sept. 9th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Wade Park on Franklin St. off Spfld. St. in Agawam. The Agawam Junior Women's Club welcomes all children ages (2-112) to come and participate in games and win prizes.

Agawam Makes Big Splash At State Pool

Agawam swimmers again won big at the August 3 swim meet held by the Agawam State Pool, Maynard St., Agawam. Most of the Agawam swimmers who entered the meet also swim for the A.A.A. Piranhas. The final score for the meet saw Agawam racking up 264 points, followed by Holyoke with 165, S. Hadley with 88, and Chicopee with 61.

This is the fifth annual meet of this type, mandated by the Commonwealth Department of Environmental Management for all the state-run pools in each of its districts. The Agawam pool's staff is headed by Mark McLaughlin, ably assisted by Tony Lockawitz, who coached the Agawam team for the meet, Olive Buoniconti, who kept statistics for the meet, Marlene Corbut, and Michael Tunstall. Each state pool in the district enters a team consisting of swimmers in four age groups ranging from eight years and younger to 13-15 years. Winners of the first three places in each event are eligible to compete for the district in the state meet at Bennett Field Pool, Main St. Route 9, Worcester, Sat., Aug. 19, at 11:00 A.M.

Agawam swimmers, their age groups, and places for the meet were:

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 9-10 Girls: Shana Gallagher, 1st, Julie Knowles, 2nd. 11-12 Girls: Nicole Dickmann 1st. 13-15 Girls: Jill Cloran, 1st; Margie Dickmann, 2nd.

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FREESTYLE: 8-U Boys: Brian Wesley, 1st, Patrick O'Brien, 2nd, Bruno Iacolo. 8-U Girls: Jennifer Scalise, 1st, Amanda Talbot, 2nd, Tina Pirnie, Michelle Wheeler, Amy Matthews, Linda Iacolo.

Boys, 9-10: Jim Wheeler, 2nd, Ray LeClair, Tommy Cascio. 9-10 Girls: Kim Cascio, 1st, Claudine Talbot, 3rd, Ramona LeClair, Julie Knowles. 11-12 Boys: Paul Talbot, 1st Bill Chillon, Dave Kinsley. 11-12 Girls: Diane Wheeler, 1st, Donna Wesley, 3rd, Sue Gielda, Kathy Nolan. 13-15 Boys: Mario Iacolo, 1st, Steve Gielda, 3rd, Michael Hazen. 13-15 Girls: Tammy Lucia, 1st, Margie Dickmann, 3rd, Gina Iacola, Anna Iacola.

BUTTERFLY: Boys, 9-10: Jim Wheeler, 3rd. 9-10 Girls: Ramona LeClair, 3rd. 11-12 Girls: Nicole Dickmann, 1st, Karen Wesley, 13-15 Girls: Anna Iacolo, 2nd, Gina Iacolo, Sandee Brittain.

BACKSTROKE: Boys, 8-U: Patrick O'Brien, 1st. Girls, 8-U: Tina Pirnie, 1st, Jennifer Scalise, 2nd, Amy Matthews. 9-10 Boys: Fred Depka, 1st. 9-10 Girls: Heather Matthews, 1st, Shana Gallagher, 2nd. 11-12 Boys: Paul Talbot, 2nd

11-12 Girls: Diane Wheeler, 1st, Michele Gray, 3rd, Kathy Nolan. 13-15 Boys: Mario Iacolo, 1st, Steve Gielda, 2nd, Curt Murphy. 13-15 Girls: Jill Cloran, 1st,

Tammy Lucia, 2nd, Lori Richardson.

BREASTSTROKE: 8-U Boyx: Brian Wesley, 1st. 8-U Girls: Amanda Talbot, 1st. 9-10 Boys: Fred Depka, 1st, Ray LeClair, 2nd, Tom Cascio. 9-10 Girls: Kim Cascio, 1st, Claudine Talbot, 2nd, Heather Matthews. 13-15 Boys: Mike Hazen. 11-12 Girls: Karen Wesley, 1st, Michele Gray, 3rd, Donna Wesley, Sue Gielda, Kim Doyle. 13-15 Girls: Lori Richardson, 1st.

FREESTYLE RELAYS:

8 Boys: Brian Wesley, Pat O'Brien, Bruno Iacolo, 1st. 8-U Girls: Jennifer Scalise, Amanda Talbot, Tina Pirnie, Amy Matthews, 2nd. 9-10 Boys: Jimmy Wheeler, Fred Depka, Ray LeClair, Tom Cascio, 2nd. 9-10 Girls: Heather Matthews, Claudine Talbot, Ramona LeClair, Kim Cascio (Julie Knowles) 1st. 11-12 Boys: Paul Talbot, Bill Chilton, Dave Kinsley, 2nd. 11-12 Girls: Karen Wesley, Donna Wesley, Diane Wheeler, Nicole Dickmann, 1st; Sue Gielda, Michele Gray, Kathy Nolan, Kim Doyle. 13-15 Boys: Steve Gielda, Mike Hazen, Mario Iacolo, Curt Murphy, 2nd. 13-15 Girls: Jill Cloran, Margie Dickmann, Lori Richardson, Tammy Lucia, 1st; Gina Iacolo, Anna Iacolo, Sandee Brittain, Shana Gallagher, 3rd.

The meet had its anxious moments: Would the rain hold off long enough to let us finish? Would that swimmer who won his heat have a fast enough time to win a ribbon? Would he be able to "better his best" time, whether or not it was a "winning" time? Disappointment was expressed by officials, spectators, and swimmers that insufficient state funds provided only one ribbon for a four-person relay team. Some muttering was heard about a ruling that a team could not "sweep" an event; that is, if a team entered swimmers who had 1st, 2nd, and 3rd fastest times in one event, the 3rd fastest was disallowed, and 3rd place was awarded the swimmer with 4th fastest time. This ruling was made in the interest of fairness to those teams which field a small group, and is not without precedent in other leagues, especially in relay events.

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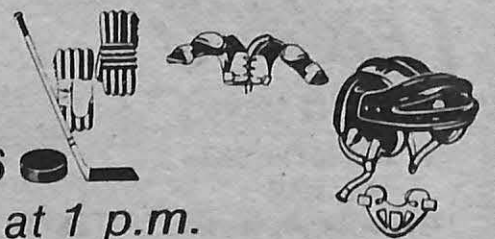
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Agawam Four Join 'Pics Stickmen

By DAN MARUSZCZAK JR.

The Springfield Olympics open their 1978-79 season this year on September 30, against the Fitchburg Wallopers, the 1977-78 league champions. With them will be four Agawam natives - two veterans returning from last season, and two newcomers, including 1978 Bessone Award winner Ron Dutton.

Returning from last year's 'Pics Pack will be center Steve Palazzi and left-winger Steve Castelli, each one heading the list of aspiring veterans on the roster.

Two rookies breaking camp from Agawam were goalies Kevin Murphy and Ron Dutton, the latter sporting a scoring average of no less than 2.75 during regular season play for the Fay Division ruling Brownies.

"Since I'm going to Holyoke Community this year, it's not much of a college hockey team, this is probably the best hockey league around", Ron Dutton said, referring to the New England Junior Hockey League.

According to Dutton the camp's training is "physically exhausting", and includes rigid dry-land training.

"We're running an overload method which works the body until it's completely tired. Then you press it as much more as you

can." Dutton went on to explain the method that Coach Jeff Kravitz uses to bring a hopeful Olympic team to a championship.

"You do ten push-ups until you're tired, then do five more real slow. Those do more good for the body than the first ten."

Steve Castelli, one of seven returnees from last season, termed the Olympics training camp "in between both" physically exhausting and fairly easy.

"We've been skating on the weekends, and during the week - on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday we'll have dry-land training, like running and calisthenics," Castelli explained.

With Mike Gentile and Dean Lombardi lost to the college leagues, the team seemed to have lost its one-two punch, the pair scoring 94 tallies between them last season. Not so says the veteran left-winger.

"We've got a lot of good high school players coming up who graduate last year", Castelli confided.

Also agreeing with Castelli's theory is Dutton, who himself graduated from Agawam High this past year.

"This year's going to be a totally different team. They're a lot younger, as Coach Kravitz has said, but there's a lot of name high school players there. It's yet to be seen if they can com-

pete at this level. I think the team will be a lot more closely knit and spirited." Dutton referred to the statement made by Coach Jeff Kravitz about the younger and inexperienced players coming through the Olympics club for this upcoming season.

During Dutton's high school playing career, the Brownie netminder showed Coach Bill Sapelli that Agawam had no serious defensive problems, as on one occasion checking Chicopee Comp to an 8-0 defeat, making 30 saves in 45 minutes.

At press time Kevin Murphy was unavailable for comment, while Springfield Olympic center Steve Palazzi, also an Agawam native, was in Colorado, at the invitation of the United States Junior Olympic team, which will play in Stockholm, Sweden, during the holiday season.

Last season with the Olympics the veteran center scored 32 goals with 36 assists, while Murphy saw his bit of the action with the Brownies relieving Dutton in the net at short-handed times.

The team is presently in the midst of a vigorous one-and-a-half month dry land training session, which will lead them up to the season opener.

The Springfield Olympics start their season against the Fitchburg Wallopers Sept. 30 at the Olympia of West Springfield, with a trip to Minnesota slated for late October. The 'Pics will then swing into action with exhibits with the St. Paul Vulcans and Austin Mavericks.

Polazzi To Try For U.S. Jr.

National Hockey Team

Steve Palazzi, forward for the Springfield Olympic's Junior Hockey Club has been selected by a National Committee to tryout for the United States Junior National team that will play in Stockholm, Sweden during the Christmas Holidays. Tryouts are being held Oct. 12-Oct 18 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Candidates to represent the United States in the International Event will be selected from the United States and Canada.

Southwick Rec Center Road Race

By DAN MARUSZCZAK JR.

The Southwick Recreation Center is sponsoring an A.A.U. sanctioned Road Race this week, with 8.3 and 3.5 mile events taking place this Sunday, August 27 at the Powder Mill School of Southwick.

"It's quite a challenging course. I've run it before and we've found it quite challenging", noted George LeClair, Chairman of the event. LeClair was chairman of the Road Race two years ago.

Among competitors entering this year's race will be Springfield College's Jack Mahurin, who runs out of the North Carolina Track Club. Mahurin won the Southwick Road Race title two years ago when the race was in its premier year.

"The last time I ran it (the Southwick Road Race), we had runners from as far

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba



Earlier this year, two well-known preservationist groups filed a lawsuit challenging the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program, contending that projects financed by P-R funds were detrimental to non-game species. Although the suit was dismissed, it did result in a draft environmental impact statement being prepared on the P-R program. This statement, to be finalized late this year, examines the impact of the program for the period 1975-85, listing long-term goals, trends and predictions.

Important to States

The original PR Act placed a 10% excise tax on sporting arms and ammo, with subsequent amendments raising the tax to 11% and expanding it to include archery equipment and handguns. The proceeds of the tax, now totalling over \$50 million annually, are apportioned back to the states for wildlife research and restoration, habitat acquisition and hunter education.

Over 54 million dollars in PR funds will be spent for wildlife research and management in fiscal year 1978. This total is expected to increase to \$135 million annually by 1985, with over 800 million dollars being spent in the interim. The state plan to acquire 87,000 acres of wildlife habitat; provide 36 million acres of habitat under active management; provide 68,000 miles of roads and trails and 4,500 public use facilities, allowing recreational use of

the areas; design new wildlife research programs and surveys, increasing cost effectiveness of the research effort by 25%. ALMOST \$1000 MILLION will be spent in the 10-year period.

Programs are being undertaken to maintain or expand all wildlife populations and halt the detrimental effects of changing land use practices and habitat loss. Populations of game birds and animals are far more limited by availability of food, cover and weather than by any other factor, including hunting. For this reason, emphasis is being placed on habitat acquisition and improvement, with game, non-game and ENDANGERED SPECIES deriving a variety of benefits.

The anti-hunter is trying his damndest to cut off these vital funds to the states. What is most discouraging is that they claim that they are the friends of the animals and are interested in helping the endangered species.

Strange that not one managed game animal is on the endangered species list.

Without the Federal Aid Program, it is expected that wildlife would decrease, and possibly disappear in some areas, because of shifts in priorities of state management programs necessitated by the loss of some \$50 million in revenue annually.

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By DAN MARUSZCZAK JR.

The Dark Ages of Agawam football, which no one in this town seems to remember, is the B.R.L. (Before Roger Leclerc) era, in which the high school training and trial camp was glorified to the limit over and above the actual player's opinion of the camp.

Even in today's society, King Football reigns over all fall sports-glorifying its individual players, teams, and the overall sport.

Training and trial camp is the constant coping with the always present fear of, after losing losing 15 to 20 pounds,

being cut from the high school's roster after many hours of pain, frustration, and fatigue.

Not only is there pressure on the players, but also with the coaches-judging, rating performances, and cutting players that did not make the grade. Each coach wants to be the perfectionist, making his team the best, above and hopefully over all other competition.

In the camp, competing players are always watching their opposition-the player that may take their starting position away from them. One might come to say "HE looked good today", the "HE" meaning the competition for the final spot on the starting roster.

Besides the fierce competition, the training and trial will teach each individual player the values of sportsmanship and being a member of a team. The

player may be under the stress of making the grade, but there also seems to be a looseness among the players, as if they were enjoying just being in the camp itself.

Indeed, the training and trial camps in high school football seem to show young as well as older players the true values of sportsmanship, along with other disappointments of the game.

But when you get back down to basics, today's training camps are just like the old days, mixed with a little glory- and opportunity. Talking about football training camps, it may be rough for high school players, but at the present, pros seem to be feeling no pain.

Today's pros arrive at the stadium in Limo's or late

luxury cars, with air conditioners and power windows as "necessary accessories" (as the pros put it).

The days of scrappy-fighting pros are long gone, with millionaire (or nearly) players making enough green in pre-season play to last them for the rest of their playing career.

"SNAKE" TALES - Last week's SPORTING NEWS reported that Agawam's Mike "Snake" Riley is presently holding the second - best ERA in the Appalachian League, with a 1.73 mark. TSN also had Riley under all but 13 percentage points behind the league leader, while the "Snake" retains a perfect 1-0 record.

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away as Boston come in," LeClair stated.

"He's probably one of the better runners in the area. He runs about a 5-minute mile and has run in just about every race around here," LeClair said referring to Mahurin's status in the running world.

LeClair also added that trophies will be awarded in several categories, while showers will be offered to runners completing the race.

Walter Childs, A.A.U. Commissioner, told the Advertiser/News that competition for the Southwick Road Race should draw anywhere between 200-250 runners.

"When I handle a program, I send out questionnaires to Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, upper New York state, all of Western Mass., and sometimes as far as Boston and Rhode Island. Like in Turners Falls last Sunday we had 211 runners," Childs quipped, proving his efforts have paid off.

"We don't pay any runners to compete. I'm opposed to the idea of paying a runner to race," Childs stated, referring back to the rulebook for amateur status that will be in effect at the Southwick race.

Registration will begin at 12 noon, with the race starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Powder Mill School, Route 57, Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, Mass., and will continue until race time.

Entry fee is \$1.00 per entrant. Entries should be sent to Walter Childs, A.A.U. Commissioner at P.O. Box 1484, Springfield, Mass., 01001, or George LeClair, General Chairman, 13 Woodside Circle, Southwick, Mass., 01077. Post Entries will also be accepted.

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States. But they gained an important understanding-if they are to play at this level of competition in the future, they must take repeated batting practice on a pitching machine.

During the remainder of their stay, the LIONETTES watched several of the games including the series of finals. They explored many of the points of interest in the city. They viewed a multiscreen slide presentation of the battle of the Alamo, then toured the mission, grounds and other buildings at the site. They shopped in the Mexican Market and walked along the beautiful river walks that thread through downtown San Antonio. They shopped and lunched at the Hemisfair, site of the 1968 World Fair. They rode the outside elevator to the observation deck of the 750 foot Tower of the Americas.

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Copies of this ENF will be available from Agawam Public Schools, 1305 Springfield St. This ENF will be available for public inspection during business hours at the MEPA Unit, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, 20th Floor, Boston, Mass., 02202 and also at the Agawam Town Hall located at Main St., Agawam (Town Clerk's Office).

Public Notice of the filing of this ENF will be published by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs in the Environmental Monitor, a biweekly publication available free of charge by writing to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs: Attention: MEPA Unit, 100 Cambridge Street, 20th Floor, Boston, Mass., 02202. Interested parties may submit written comments on the ENF to the Secretary, Attention: MEPA Unit, up to the twentieth day following publication of notice of this filing in the Environmental Monitor.

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Sisitsky Bill Could Mean Big Tax Savings

State Senator Alan Sisitsky said recently that the new Court Reform Bill which was passed recently and which he was the author of, will mean a return of \$471,710 to Agawam in property tax relief.

The new bill provides for the state to pay 100% of court costs for Massachusetts cities and towns. Previously, the state only paid 20% of the costs with the county paying the remaining 80% from revenues received from property tax.

Sisitsky said that state financing of court costs could result in substantial property tax savings assuming the money is applied directly to the tax rate and not used for any other purpose. Sisitsky noted that if Agawam's \$471,710 savings were directly applied to our tax base it would mean a reduction on the tax rate in excess of \$2.00.

Sisitsky stated that "of course where the money is applied is up to the town fathers... but substantial tax savings are possible."

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



If you have been growing cantaloupes or melons in your vegetable garden, they should be getting ripe just about now. The trick is to pick them at their peak and not a second sooner. There is nothing like a ripe melon fresh from the garden. When the skin is textured with a network of tan ridges all around the fruit and the melon's background color has changed from green to beige, this is a sign that picking is just around the corner. There is one sure test you can make on the melon to be sure it is just right to pick. I like to call it the 'pop test'. If you look closely at the stem end of the fruit, you can find a disk of tissue at the point where the stem joins the fruit. When the melon is just right to pick, this disk separates from the melon with only the slightest pressure from your thumb, and you are in for a treat. Another real ripeness test is that wonderful melon aroma all through the garden.

Once about 75% of your onion tops have begun to dry up and fall over, bend over the remaining tops lightly to divert the growing energy to the onion. Check your onions for rot (from the heavy rains we had a while back) and pull some to enjoy today. The balance of the crop can be harvested when you have a

cool morning and a good dry day. When you dig your onions, leave about a 2-3" stem on them and do not wash off the soil. Shake off excess soil only and lay the onions in the garden to dry off naturally in the sun for several days. Once the skins are dry, the soil will fall off by itself. Use thick necked onions first as they don't keep very well. Only firm onions should be stored.

Leaves, pound for pound, have twice as many nutrients as manure. Shred some extra during the fall abundance and save for an early summer mulch. Leaves and corn stalks should be shredded or mixed with loose straw or hay to prevent compacting into a soggy mass. Leaves not needed for mulch can be mixed with grass clippings and other green matter in the compost heap. Rot-tilled under in the fall, their humus-building qualities provide better structure for all types of soil.

Pickling failure? Never soak pickles in water; they fill with water and can't soak up the brine. This is probably the most common reason for pickle failures.

Next week: How to save seed from garden vegetables this year for next year's planting. KEEP SMILING! JMC

Real Estate Activity Climbs At Slower Rate

The first half of 1978 showed gains in the Massachusetts housing market over the same period last year although at a much lesser pace than 1977 over 1976, according to figures released recently by the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

The data reflects existing home activities of the 23 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) of the Boards of Realtors in Massachusetts. According to Massachusetts Association President Earl A. LaFlamme, Jr., of Holyoke, "the first six months of this year saw brisk real estate activity with increases in total sales, total dollar volume, total listings and average price over the first half of 1977. However, the rates of increase were well below last year in all areas, particularly in listings."

The half-year 1978 MLS report showed some 10,866 existing homes were sold in the Bay State, up 16.5% over year. This increase was down from a 22% rise of 1977 over 1976 total sales.

Meanwhile, there were 33,454 resale homes listed in the MLS records statewide during the first half of 1978 or 1.4% over last year. But this percentage increase dropped significantly from the 14% hike of 1977 over 1976. Listings were actually down by 5% in the first quarter of 1978.

"It's been a sellers market in Massachusetts," said LaFlamme. "We can't seem to list enough homes for the number of people that want to buy. The American dream of home ownership is alive and doing very well in Massachusetts."

He adds that "this demand has had the effect of shrinking available mortgage credit in many banks throughout the Commonwealth which has caused increases in interest rates. However, even this has not appeared to dampen the spirits of those wanting to purchase this proven hedge against inflation."

According to Edmund (Gill) Woods, MAR's MLS Chairman, the average price of an existing home during the first half of 1978 was \$42,678, up 3% from the 1977 period. But even the average price has increased at a slower pace... half the rate of last year (which was 6% increase.)

There was some variation throughout the Commonwealth in housing activity during the first six months of 1978 over 1977. The Berkshire, Hampshire, Fall River and New Bedford MLS area posted the greatest increases in total sales over last year. Meanwhile, Lawrence, Haverhill, Westfield and Quincy/ South Shore areas dropped in sales activity.

In total listings, Berkshire

and Cape Cod areas had the highest gains, while Lawrence and Eastern Middlesex areas led eight MLS areas with fewer listings than the first half of 1977.

The average price of a resale home sold through the MLS also varied across the state during the first half of 1978. The highest average price was recorded in the Lawrence at \$50,665. The lowest average prices were found in the MLS areas of New Bedford at \$31,597, Westfield at \$31,723, Chicopee-Holyoke at \$32,050 and Fall River at \$32,407.

In some MLS areas, the average price dropped from the same period in 1977 notably in Fall River by 25%, Cape Ann by 1.6% and Greater Lowell by .1%. The average sales price of an existing home increased the most over the same period last year in the Cape Cod (18%), Berkshire (15%), Greater Lawrence (15%), and Attleboro (14%) areas.

Founded in 1924, The Massachusetts Association of Realtors is the parent organization for the 26 Boards of Realtors in the Commonwealth and has over 8800 members. The term REALTOR is the exclusive designation of real estate professionals who are members of the National Association of Realtors and subscribe to its strict Code of Ethics.

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